

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES IN TRIBAL AREAS

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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is lack of basic amenities and infrastructural facilities such as roads, water supply, housing, etc. in the tribal areas of the country including eastern Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any plan for the development of these facilities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of tribals likely to be benefited therefrom, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (Dr. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a) to (e): Yes, sir. The infrastructure facilities in the tribal areas in the country are not at par with other developed areas in the Country. Each Central Ministry/ Department is the nodal Ministry or Department concerning its sector ; so is the State Government and UT Administration for over all development including tribal areas. Grants under Art. 275(1) of the Constitution are essentially used for creation and up gradation of critical infrastructure to bridge the gap in the sectors like roads, bridges, health, drinking water, education, agriculture, sport promotion etc. Priority for the development schemes are fixed and executed by the State Govts. depending on the felt needs of the local area and its people. The State Govt. of Kerala has intimated that during the XIth Plan, the policy of the State Govt. is to provide the basic needs of the tribal families such as houses to homeless, land to all landless families and drinking water, electricity and quality education to the tribals. The budget allocation of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is Rs. 2121.00 crore during current financial year. The schemes/ programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are implemented through the States/ UTs and the funds are released to State/ UT Governments who are required to ensure that the benefits of projects sanctioned under the schemes reach the beneficiaries. The data relating to the number of beneficiaries is not specifically maintained in the Ministry.